Kiss Him, not Me

#29 NEVER HURT YOU AGAIN
BY JUNKO

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YEAH. NANASHIMA-KUN WAS NOT FEELING WELL, SO SHE LEFT WITH HIM.
SERI-NUMA-SAN?
JUST THE TWO OF THEM ...?
HUH ...?!
THUD
CREAK
HEY ...
WHA ...?!
CREAK

!!
HUH?
OH MY GOD!!
WHA?!
A-ARE YOU HALF-ASLEEP, NANA-SHIMA-KUN?!
FLAIL FLAIL
SQUEEZE
EEK!
HEY! LET ME GO!
SERI-NUMA!

CREAK
HE WON'T BUDGE?!
NO WAY!
NANA-SHIMA-KUN!
WAKE UP!
SQUEEZE
NANA-SHIMA-KUN!!
BANG

!!
NANA
!!
SMACK
GASP
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!!
THUD

FWIP
...
!!
DASH
SERI-NUMA-SAN!!
SERI-NUMA-SAN!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
?
BANG
WAIT!
EEEEK...!!
WHAP
GRAB
SERI-NUMA-SAN!!

はっ…
GASP
UH…
…!
I'M SO SORRY…
…

HEY!!
YOU!!
GRAB
LITTLE PUNK !!
UH ...
?!
POUNCE
I'M GONNA KILL YOU!!
I LOVE YOU, SERI-NUMA!!

NOW HE GETS IT.
GRIND
RUB
STROKE
WUV YOU, WUV YOU!
...
HUMP
HUH? YOU GREW FACIAL HAIR?
I WUV YOU, SHERI-NUMAAA !!

WAKE UP, YOU IDIOT!!
WHAP
WHUH?!
SHERI-NUMA!!
HUH...?
HUH?
I... WASN'T... DREAM-ING...?
WHA...?!
HEEEK!
N-NO WAY! NO! NO! NO!
AAHHH!! I GOTTA APOLOGIZE TO HER!
SH-SH-SH-SHE'S NOT...
PICK-ING UP HER PHONE !!
NEVER MIND TAKING A STEP FOR-WARD...
THIS IS A HUGE STEP BACK...

KAE-CHAN?
HUH?
SHE'S AT HOME WITH A COLD.
YOU DIDN'T HEAR?
SHE'S NOT ANSWERING MY CALLS ...
SHE HASN'T READ ANY OF MY MESSAGES ...
Sorry!!
I'm so sorry!!
I really wasn't myself! Please let me explain!
SHE'S IGNORING ME...!!
TAP TAP
WELL, OF COURSE SHE WOULD!
SOB!
The next day..
HUH ...?
SHE'S NOT COMING ...?
I...I WONDER IF I'LL SEE HER AT PRACTICE TOMORROW...
WELL, NOW...
I DUNNO ...
SOB!

...
SHE APPARENTLY HAS A COLD ...
LET'S GET HER STAND-IN READY FOR NOW.
YES, SIR.
...
SHE ...
DOESN'T WANT TO SEE ME...
MAKES SENSE ...
I DID PUSH HER DOWN ...
PLOO
とぼ
とぼ
PLOO
BUT ...
IF SHE STILL DOESN'T SHOW UP TOMORROW...
GASP!
I CAN'T CONTACT HER, SO I GOTTA GO SEE HER IN PERSON...

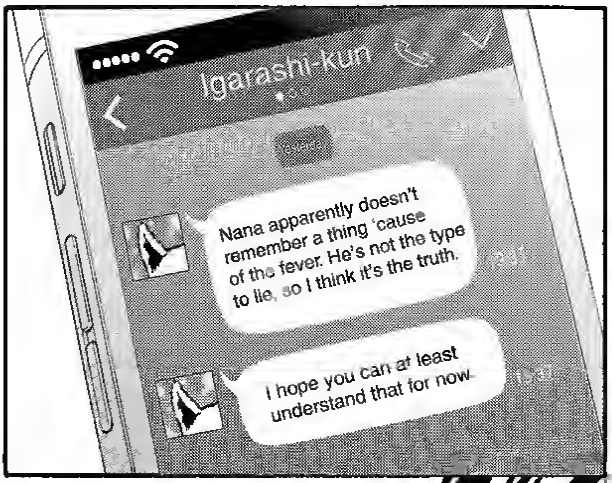
CLENCH
NO...
I HAVE NO RIGHT TO DO THAT...
I'M HOME.
SLAM
TMP
WELCOME HOOOME!!
WELCOME HOME! WELCOME HOME! WELCOME HOOOME!!
DID YOUR LAST PRAC-TICE GO WELL?!
HEY, KIRARI.
LOOK WHAT I DREW!!
HERE!!
TA-DAH!
Good Luck!

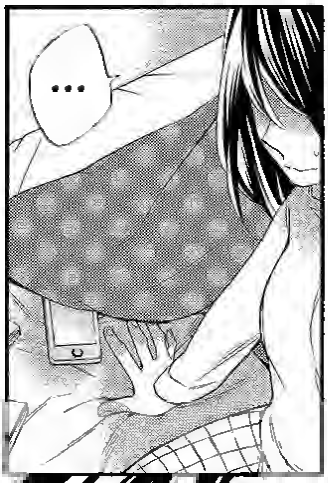
THIS IS A GOOD LUCK CHARM !!
Good Luck
SHOW IT TO YOUR GIRLFRIEND WHO WAS HERE THE OTHER DAY TOO!!
THIS IS THE DARK PRINCE AND THIS HERE IS RUBY!!
A CURSE ?
VERY NICE!
UH...
YEAH...
!
MOM! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!!
HUH? YOU JUST GOT HOME!
KER-CHAK!
GULP
TMP
TMP
TMP

I CAN'T LET IT ALL GO TO WASTE 'CAUSE OF WHAT I DID!!
AND KIRARI'S LOOKING FORWARD TO IT TOO!
WE WORKED SO HARD...
THAT'S RIGHT!
She really did catch his cold.
PHEW...
RUB
RUSTLE RUSTLE
AH...
AH...
AH-CHOO!!

TOUCH
AH...
OH?
IS THAT SO?
CLATTER
CLATTER
STOP !!
I DON'T WANNA-
N... NOOO...
THAT'S NOT WHAT YOUR BODY IS SAYING, SENPAI...
I GET SO EX-CITED WHEN I SEE IT IN BL...
BOOM
AHHHHHH!!!

HE WOULDN'T EVEN BUDGE...
UNDER SUCH STRENGTH ...
IN REALITY, IT'S JUST SCARY ...
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
BUT ...


Igarashi-kun
Nana apparently doesn't remember a thing 'cause of the fever. He's not the type to lie, so I think it's the truth.
I hope you can at least understand that for now.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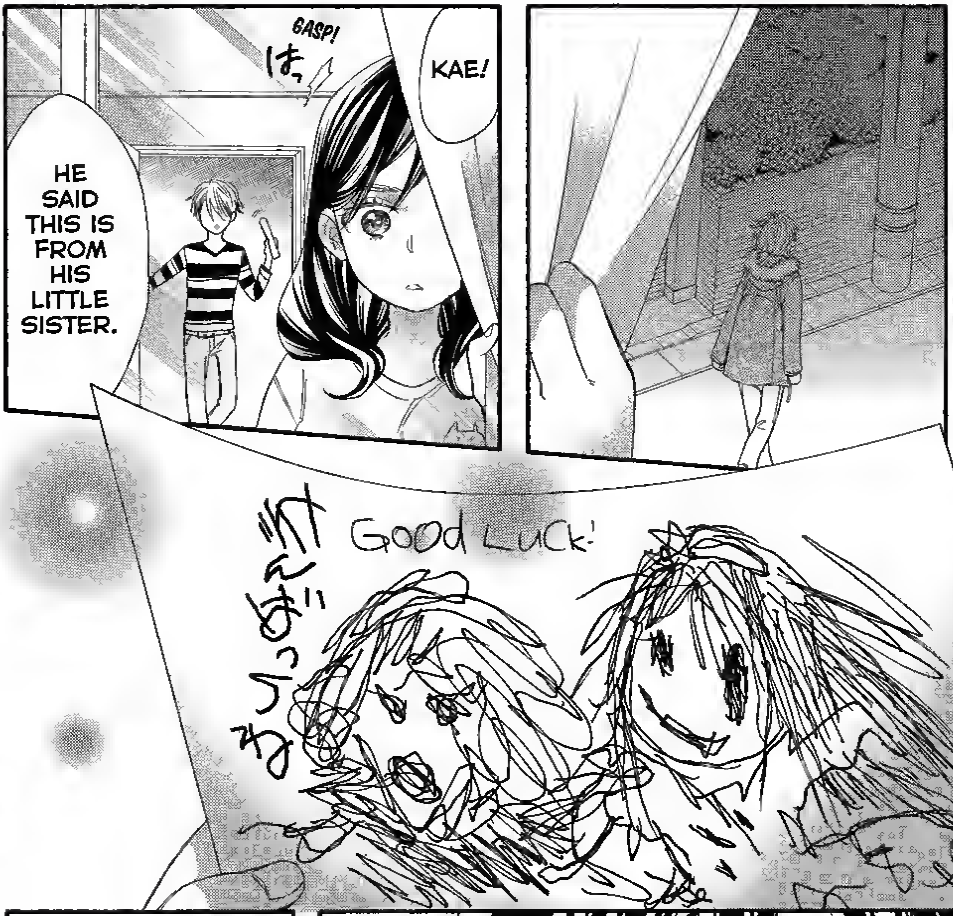
KNOCK KNOCK
BUT ...
KAE!
CLENCH
I UNDER-STAND THAT, BUT...
...
I...

SOME-ONE'S DOWN-STAIRS ...
ガチャ
KER-CHAK
IT'S NANA-SHIMA.
WHA ?!
TELL HIM I'M NOT HERE!!
HUH?
JUST TELL HIM I'M NOT HERE!
WHOA! OW!
THUNK
THUNK
OKAY, OKAY! YOU'RE LAZYING AROUND IN BED WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A FEVER!
N...NO!
I'M STILL NOT READY TO SEE HIM...
I'M STILL ...
JOLT
SERINUMAAA!!

YOU'RE THERE, AREN'T YOU?! JUST HEAR ME OUT!!
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT THE OTHER DAY!! REALLY!!
IT'S NOT AN EXCUSE, BUT I REALLY WASN'T MYSELF AT THAT TIME!!
RATTLE
S... STOP IT!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORGIVE ME!!
WAIT!
OHH...
WELL...
MY MY
OH!? WHAT IS THIS?

BUT KIRARI IS LOOKING FORWARD TO TOMOR-ROW'S SHOW...
SO PLEASE !!
I BEG YOU!!
バーン
BAM
SHUT UP!!
ばっさばっさ
SHWAP
SHWAP
S-SORRY, ONISAN!
HERE!
PLEASE GIVE THIS TO SERI-NUMA!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU OOING IN FRONT OF SOME-ONE'S HOUSE?! YOU'RE BEING A NUISANCE!
GO HOME! GO HOME!


GASP!
KAE!
HE SAID THIS IS FROM HIS LITTLE SISTER.
Good Luck!

SNEAKY
...

Usami
Winter

EXCITING CRUISE
BYE-BYE!
IT'S ALMOST TIME...
GLANCE
Island Landfilling Center
SERINUMA ...!
CHATTER...
IS SERINUMA-SAN HERE?!
CHATTER
N...NOT YET...
CHATTER
DID SOME-ONE CALL HER?!
GA-CHUNK
SORRY!!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE. GET SERI-NUMA'S STAND-IN TO—

SORRY I'M LATE!!
PANT
PANT
OHH! THANK GOOD-NESS!!
YOU'RE OKAY TO GO ON, RIGHT?!
YES! I'M TOTALLY READY!!
ALL RIGHT! CHANGE INTO YOUR COS-TUME!!
YES, SIR!!
SERI-NUMA !!
YOU CAME ...!
TMP TMP
JOLT
TCH
!
UH... SORRY.
...
UM...
I KNOW YOU WERE ACTING WEIRD BEFORE 'CAUSE OF YOUR FEVER...
AND YOU APOLO-GIZED, SO...
THAT'S BEHIND US. I UNDER-STAND.

YEAH...
I KNOW.
THAT'S ONLY NATURAL.
BUT... I'M...
STILL SCARED...
THANKS FOR COMING...
SERI-NUMA.
Winter Holiday
DIAMOND
Show
CHATTER
CHATTER
OHHH!
IT'S A FULL HOUSE!

SEATS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE, AREN'T THEY?!
HUHHH?! WE CAME FIRST, AND WE'RE IN LINE, Y'KNOW?!
YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT?!
CHATTER
THERE ARE QUITE A FEW OLDER KIDS TOO.
That's "Puri-Moon" for ya!
KIDS GET PRIORITY FOR THE FRONT SEATS.
It's the intermission...
WE HAVE TO WATCH STANDING UP...

EH-HEH
THOSE THREE GUYS...
THEY'RE AT A LOT OF SHOWS, BUT THEY REALLY HAVE A BAD REP...
ARGH... THOSE GUYS ARE HERE AGAIN.
CHATTER
CHATTER
TH-THEN PLEASE TAKE A SEAT AND WATCH QUIETLY.
READY!!
READY!!
EVERY-ONE!!
LET ME HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR!!

"PURI-PURI-MOON"!!
BOOM
IT'S THIS KINDA SHOW, HUH...
Which one's Serinuma?
OH...
WHOAAAA!!
MARV-ELOUS!!
SHOCK
どぴょーっ...
WOOO!
PURI-PURI-MOON!
PURI-PURI-MOON!

MOVE OUT OF THE WAY!!
WAAAAHHH!
わぁぁー
I CAN'T SEE!
I'M SCARED!
KYAAA!!
ドン
BANG
EEK!
SIT DOWN ...
HEY!
SNAP SNAP
LOOK OVER HERE!
PANT
PANT
LOVE
LOVE
DIA-MONO'S UNDER-WEAR!
HEY! MOVE!!
GET AWAY FROM THE STAGE!
AH!
AH!
STEP BA—
Kae
DIA-MOND!!
THUD
すてーん
KYAAAA?!
YANK
OHHH!! DIAMOND !!

FWIP
STOP IT—
NANA-SHIMA-KUN!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
PANIC
PANIC
HUH?! HUHHH?!
HUH?!
Hey! My mic!
YOINK
ひょい
I'LL TAKE OVER, MA'AM!
IT'S OKAY! IT'S OKAY!
LET'S CALL IT A TRUCE FOR NOW, PURI-PURI-MOON!!
WELL... IT SEEMS I HAVE AN ENEMY TO DEFEAT BEFORE I DEAL WITH ALL OF YOU!

NOZOMU!!
IT'S A FIGHT OFF-STAGE!
YEAHHH!
OKAY, LET'S CHEER THEM ON, EVERY-BODY!!
JUMP
TMP
OH?! PURI-PURI-MOON AND THE DARK PRINCE HAVE FORMED THE DREAM TEAM!!
WOOOO!!
GO, PRINCE!
YOU CAN DO IT!
WH-WHAT THE—?!
I'M A PATRON Y'KNOW?!
GRIND
GRIND
GRIND
NOW BEGONE, FOOL!!
WAAAH! WAAAH!
H...his head!!
So scary!
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
GO!
GET 'IM!
WATCH OUT!!
ナニ?
DASH

LOOK
THWACK
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
LET GO OF HIM!
AGH!
THUD
キャー
キャー
EEEK!
EEEK!
NANA—
PRINCE!!
GRAB

RELEASE
S... SORRY...
UH...
GASP
GRAB
IT'S OKAY!!
THANK YOU...!!
SERI-NUMA!!
DIE, DARK PRINCE !!
TMP TMP
LOVE
TMP TMP
TMP TMP TMP

I VOW TO YOU...
I...
WILL NEVER HURT YOU AGAIN!!
NANA-SHIMA-KUN...!
LET'S GO!!
ギュ
SOUNDS GOOD!!
CLENCH

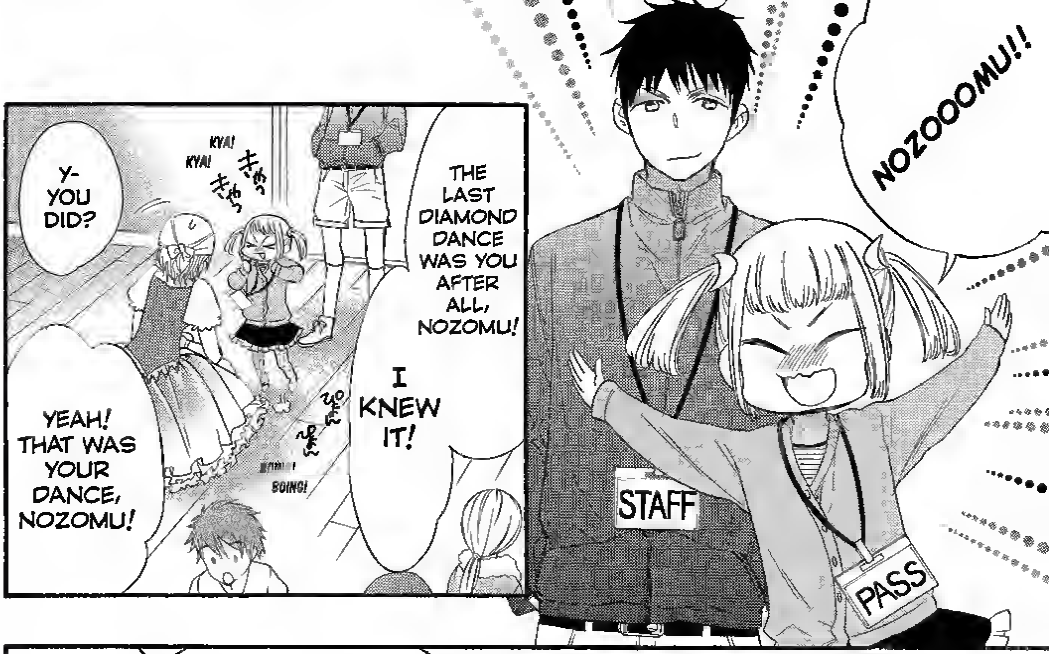
BOOM
ATTACK!!
DARK MOON-LIGHT!
LOVE
THE DREAM TEAM HAS DEFEATED THE BAD GUYS!!
WOOHOO!!
Sorry.

PHEW! THINGS... TURNED OUT OKAY THEN?!
NEXT, IT'S TIME FOR THE LAST DANCE!
LET'S RE-GROUP AND—
YEAH, YEAH!
OW!
MY LEG ...!
FROM THE FALL EARLIER ...
DIA-MOND !!
SHE SPRAIN-ED IT.
SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO GO ON STAGE LIKE THIS.
THEN LET'S HAVE THE STAND-IN—
W...WE DON'T HAVE ANYONE WHO CAN DANCE DIAMOND'S PART TODAY!
CHATTER
HUH?! THAT CAN'T BE!
I'LL DO IT!
LET ME DO IT!!
?!

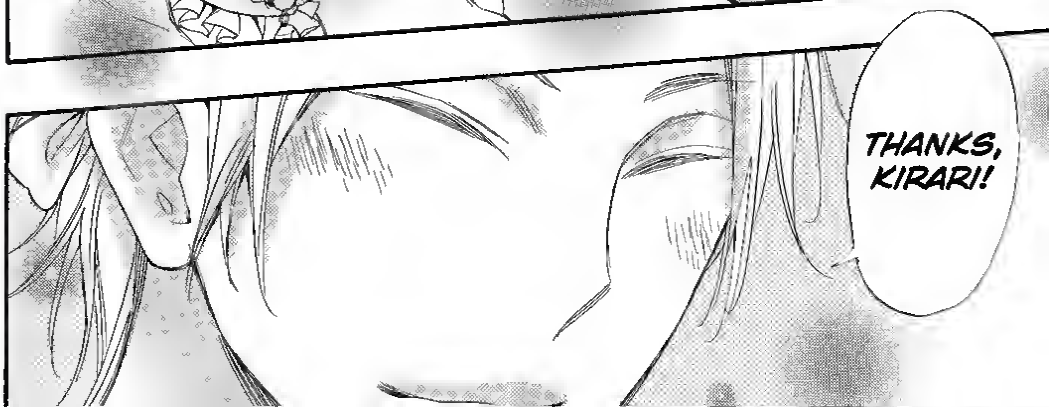
OKAY!
IT'S TIME TO DANCE!!
LET'S ALL DANCE TO-GETH-ER!!
SQUEEZE
A YOUNG GIRL'S HEART IS A FULL MOON EVERY DAY!
SPREAD YOUR ARMS OUT!
LET'S FLY ALL THE WAY TO THAT MOON!
JUMP!

じゃじゃん！
TA-DAH!
JOIN US AGAIN TOMORROW FOR "PURI-PURI-MOON"!
♡
WOOHOO!
ウサミトレーニングセンター
Usami Training Center

GOOD JOB!!
THAT WAS GREAT!
GOOD JOB!
HIGH-FIVE
YEAH.
I MEAN IT.
I BELIEVE... WHAT YOU TOLD ME...!
NANA-SHIMA-KUN...


NOZOOOMU!!
STAFF
PASS
THE LAST DIAMOND DANCE WAS YOU AFTER ALL, NOZOMU!
I KNEW IT!
KYA! KYA!
Y-YOU DID?
YEAH! THAT WAS YOUR DANCE, NOZOMU!
BOING!

GOOD, GOOD!
なでなで STROKE
WELL DONE!!
STROKE なでなで


THANKS, KIRARI!

PFFT!

YOU PUNKS!! IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE A CHOICE!!
YOU LOOK CUTE!
VERY NICE.
SNAP SNAP
HEHEHE!
PFFFFFT
WHAT'S WITH THE GETUP?

MAN, YOU LOOK REALLY BAD.
THAT'S ONE INCRED-IBLE GETUP.
DON'T ACT LIKE YOU MEAN THAT!
SH-SHUT UP!

BUT HE'S RIGHT... I DO LOOK REALLY BAD...
THIS IS WHY IM FALLING BEHIND ...!!
GLOOM

STRIKE A POSE! I WANNA TAKE A PIC!
GYAHHH!
NO!
GYAHHH!
SNICKER
YOU CAN DEPEND ON THEM.
NANA-SHIMA-KUN WAS REALLY COOL TODAY...
BOYS ARE SCARY, BUT...
STRANGE...
TO BE CONTINUED IN the DECEMBER issue

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#30 HIDEO'S RETURN

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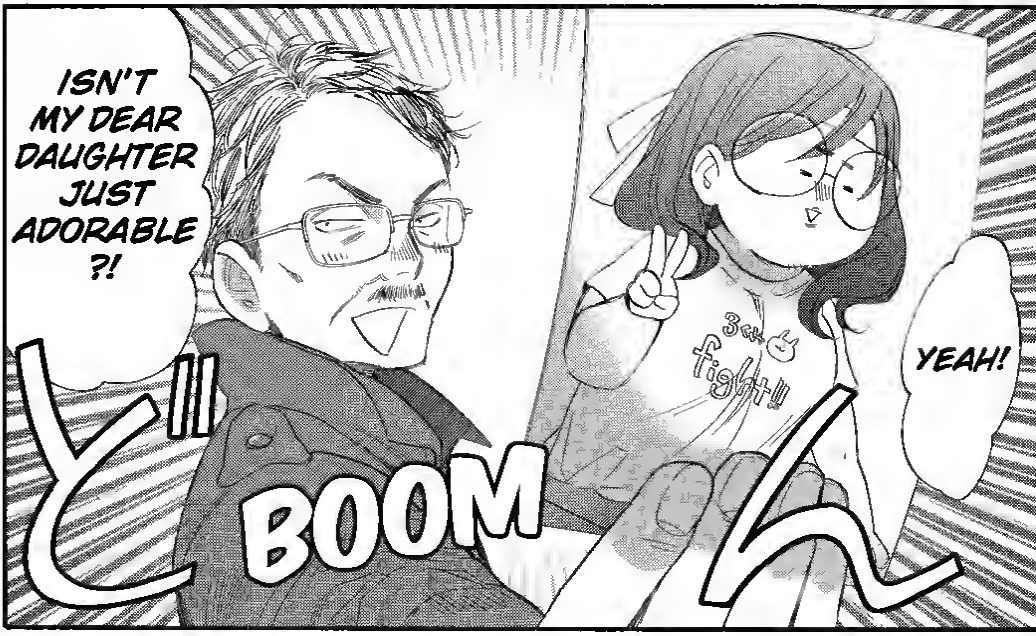
WHOOSH
A BEAUTIFUL FIRST SUNRISE OF THE YEAR...
I'M BACK, JAPAN!
I'M BACK !!
SERINUMA-SAAAAN, WE'LL BE ARRIVING SOON
KER-CHAK
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE BEEN ON THIS LAND
THAT'S RIGHT ...
MY FAMILY IS WAITING FOR ME!!
FLAP
FLAP
MY NAME IS HIDEO SERINUMA.
MY JOB IS... OOPS, THAT'S A SECRET!
LET'S JUST SAY IT HAS TO DO WITH SECRETS OF THE STATE.
I AM RETURNING HOME AFTER A LONG TIME FOR NEW YEAR'S.

OH? LOOKING AT YOUR DAUGHTER'S PICTURE AGAIN?
HMPH...

FWIP

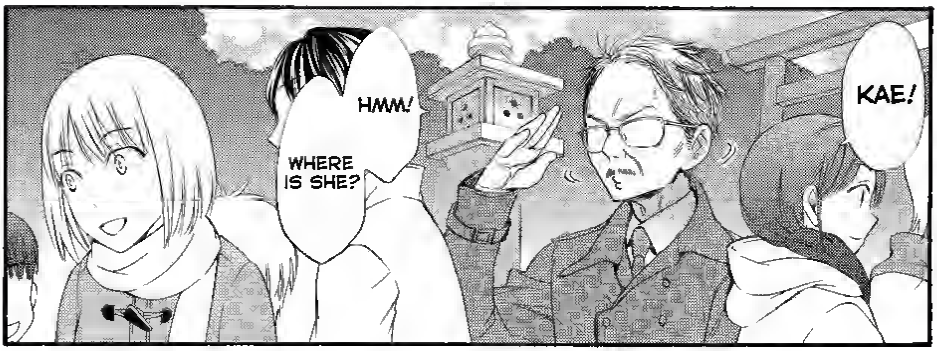

ISN'T MY DEAR DAUGHTER JUST ADORABLE?!
BOOM
YEAH!

AH...
SHE'S ALSO A VERY KIND GIRL!!
YA GOT THAT RIGHT! SHE'S ROUND LIKE A BALL!!
YEAH...SHE SURE IS.
Looking like a bean-jam bun and all

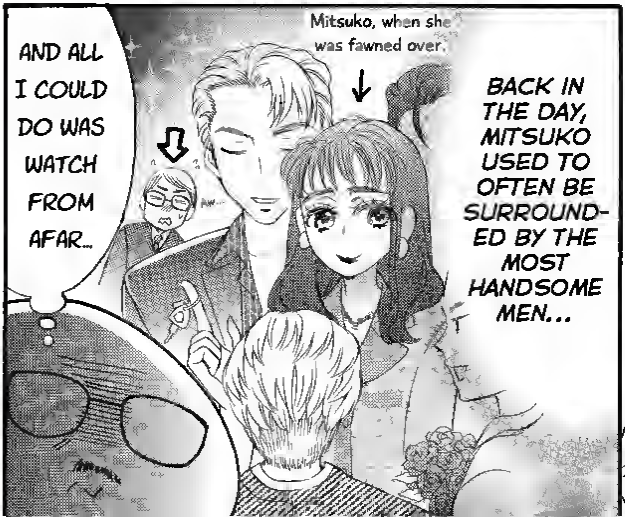
HOLD ON, KAE!!
SPLASH
BOOM
I'VE RETURNED, FAMILY!!
I'M HOME!!

OH MY, OH MY! YOU'RE BACK?
KER-CHAK
OH!
OH MY!
THAT'S NICE! WELCOME HOME!!
MUNCH
もち
もち
MUNCH
HOW AWFUL!!
I MISSED YOU, MITSUKO!!
YOU KNOW THAT CAN'T BE HELPED, 'CAUSE OF THE RESTRICTIONS!
I MEAN, WE NEVER HEARD FROM YOU, SO...
OF COURSE I'M BACK!! IT'S NEW YEAR'S!
OHHH! WELCOME HOME, POPS!
ひょこ
PEEK
そうそう
HOW AWFUL!!
MUNCH MUNCH
DON'T WORRY! IT'S IN ITS SPECIAL PLACE...♥ WAY AT THE BACK OF THE DRESSER.
OHHH, IT DOESN'T FIT ON MY FINGER ANYMORE.
HUH?!
YOUR RING!! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR WEDDING RING?!

KAE!! WHERE'S KAE?! IS SHE STILL SLEEPING? WHAT AN OVER-SLEEPER!!
KAE! KAE WILL GREET ME WARMLY !!
KAE!!
YOU GUYS ARE SO COLD!!
How awful!!
Wait 'til Mama! !!
Not if you're over twenty!!
SMACK
WHERE'S MY NEW YEAR'S MONEY?!
WHAT ?!
Happy New Year!!
MUNCH MUNCH もちもち
KAE'S OUT WITH HER FRIENDS ON A NEW YEAR'S SHRINE VISIT.
The one close by!
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
UH, HE WON'T LISTEN.
DON'T BOTHER HER!
She'll be back soon!
AH!
I'LL BE BACK!!
BOOM

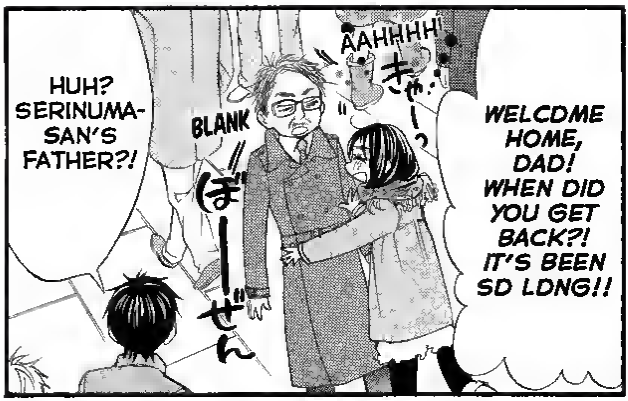

KAE!
HMM!
WHERE IS SHE?

KYA!
きゃっ
Ohhh!
I got Great Fortune!
I got Good Fortune!
KYA!
きゃっ
SAY...
THEY'RE REALLY ENJOYING LIFE...
THAT CAN'T BE HER...
THERE ARE MANY GROUPS OF KIDS, BUT...


Mitsuko, when she was fawned over.
AND ALL I COULD DO WAS WATCH FROM AFAR...
BACK IN THE DAY, MITSUKO USED TO OFTEN BE SURROUNDED BY THE MOST HANDSOME MEN...

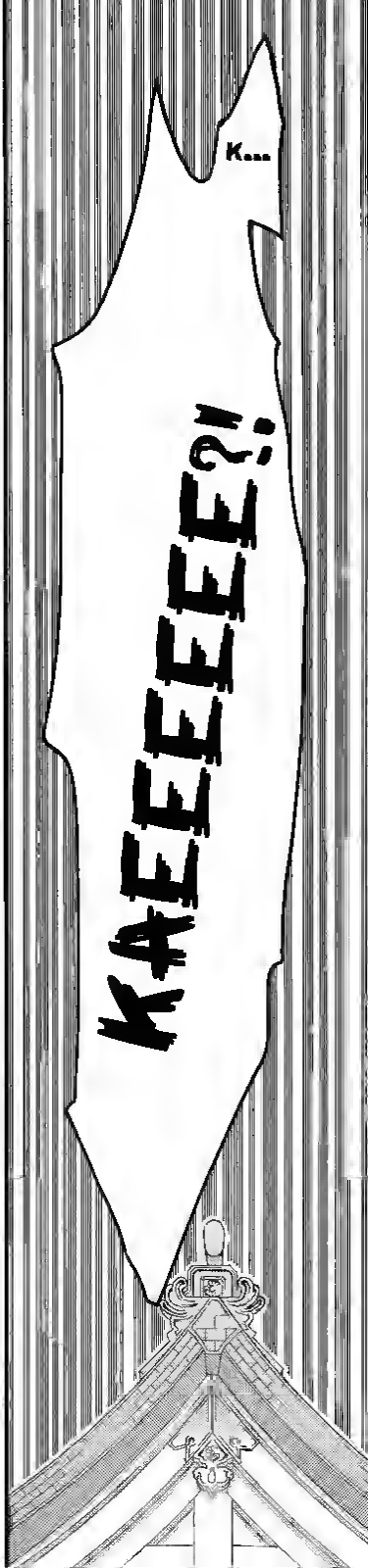
Great Fortune
大吉

?!
MITSUKO ?!
DEAR... NO...
BADUMP
はおた
FLAP
FLAP はおた
DAD!!
HUH ?!
OH !!
DAD ?!
?!


AAHHHH!
HUH? SERINUMA-SAN'S FATHER?!
BLANK
WELCDME HOME, DAD! WHEN DID YOU GET BACK?! IT'S BEEN SD LDNG!!

HI!
HELLO!
WE'RE FRIENDS OF KAE-SAN!
NICE TO MEET YOU.

TH...
Ohh
I SEE.
Pleased to meet you
TH...
HE LIVES FAR AWAY 'CAUSE OF WORK, AND ONLY COMES HOME ONCE IN A WHILE.
THIS IS MY DAD!!


K...
KAEEEEEE?!

THIS GIRL ...IS KAE? SHE CAN'T BE...
NO, BUT SHE'S THE SPITTING IMAGE OF MITSUKO ...AND SHE KNOWS ME TOO.
The shrine is that way!
Let's go!
C'mon! C'mon!
CROWD
CROWD
CROWD
AND WHO ARE ALL THESE GUYS?!
WHAT ...
THE HECK ...
WHAT THE HECK HAP-PEN-ED...
WHILE I WAS GONE?!
S... SO ...
YOU'RE REEEALLY KAE, RIGHT?!
YES, FOR THE UMP-TEENTH TIME!

WHY DID NO ONE TELL ME?!
HUHHH?! SHE JUST LOST WEIGHT... NOTHING TO RUSH TO TELL YOU ABOUT!
BUT STILL... STILL! STILL! STILL!!
CALM DOWN, POPS!
I KNOW HOW YOU MUST FEEL, BUT IT'S THE REALITY!!
...
ANY-WAY!!
WEL-COME HOME, DAD!
I'M SO HAPPY!
IT'D BE SO LONELY WITHOUT YOU ON NEW YEAR'S!
AW! A SWEET GIRL LIKE YOU DESERVES SOME NEW YEAR'S MONEY!
WOW! I LOVE YOU, DAD!!
SO EASY ...
HERE, HAVE A TANGER-INE. ♥ I PEELED IT FOR YOU. ♥
CO CO STARE
K... KAE...
PAPAN

THIS GIRL IS KAE!
MY ADOR-ABLE KAE!!
CHATTER
HEY, WAIT! SHE ALREADY TOOK OUT AN ADVANCE ON HER NEW YEAR'S MONEY!
IT'S FINE! I WANT TO GIVE IT TO HER!!
CHATTER
WOW! THANK YOU!
Hup!
I SHOULD WASH UP AND GO TO SLEEP NOW!
IT'S LATE!
OH!
AH, I SEE.
WHAT A PROPER LIFE YOU LIVE!
YUP!
SHUT
CLINK
KER-CHAK
OHH! GOOD NIGHT!!
GOOD NIGHT!
GULP GULP

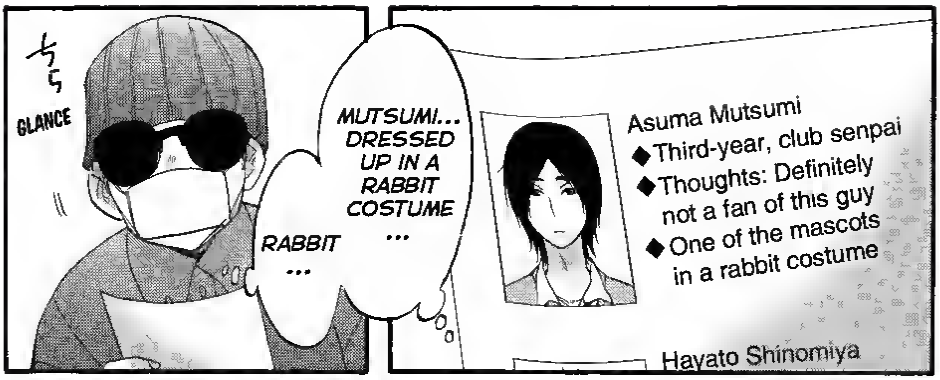
"FLIES" ?!
BY THE WAY, ABOUT THOSE FLIES!!
FLASH
I'M TALKING ABOUT THOSE GUYS WHO WERE FLOCKING AROUND KAE!!
Zzz
HUH ?
OHHH!
Yeah!
TH-TH-TH-TH-THEY'RE NOT HER BOY-FRIENDS, ARE THEY...?!
OH, OF COURSE NOT!
FWIP
WEEELL, IF YOU MUST KNOW...
I'M BEGGING YOU!!
THEN WHO THE HECK ARE THEY ?!
TELL ME IF YOU KNOW!!
PAPAN

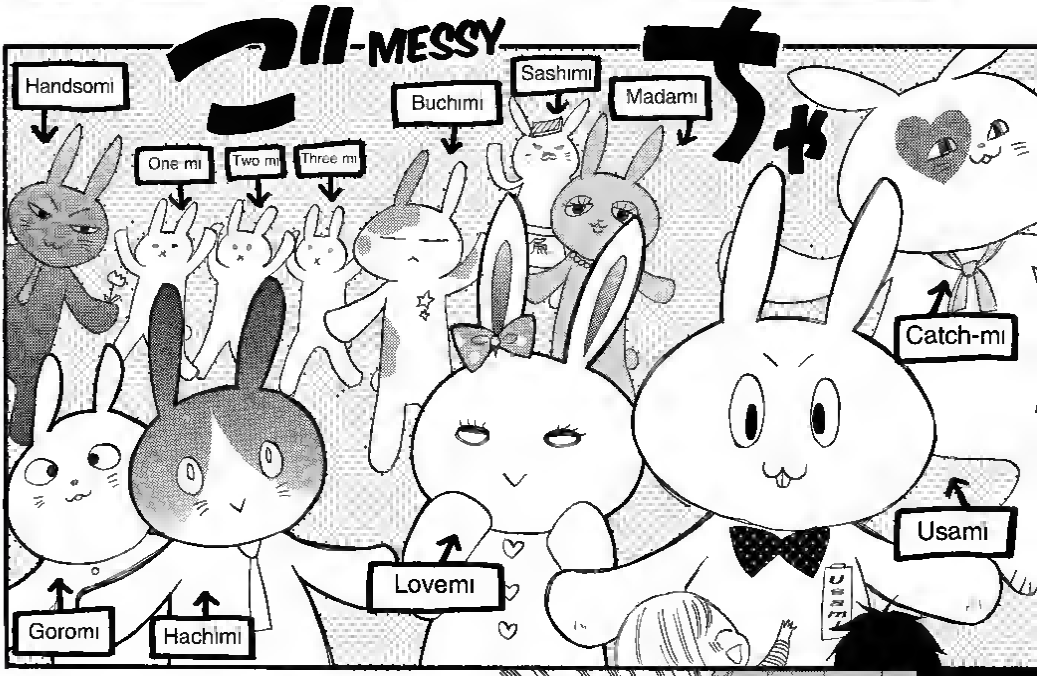
WHAAAAAT?!!
THEY'RE WORKING PART-TIME JOBS AT USAMI LAND TOGETHER THIS WINTER BREAK.
WH... WHAT ?!
MM-HM!
FWIP
THEY'RE GUYS FROM THE SAME SCHOOL WHO ARE HITTING ON HER!!
PAPAN
LEAVE IT TO ME!!
SLAP
Token of Gratitude
WHAT THE HECK ?!!
ARE THEY DECENT GUYS?! WHAT ARE THEIR NAMES?! AGES?!
I WANT DE-TAILS !!
SNORE
SNORE
Investigative Report
調査報告書
...

UH-HUH!!
HA HA HA HA...
アハハハ...
I'M GONNA MARRY YOU!!
DAD!
I SEE!!
HEH HEH HEH HEH
ヘヘヘヘ...

SO WHY ARE YOU GIGGLING WITH THESE HANDSO— ER, WEAK BOYS...?!
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU SAID, KAE ...?!
NO! I'M NOT GONNA GIVE KAE TO A BUNCH OF SHALLOW KIDS!
I'M GONNA GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!!

TMP
PANT
はーっ
PANT
はーっ
BOOM
THIS TAKES ME BACK...
I OFTEN BROUGHT THE KIDS HERE WHEN THEY WERE LITTLE...
HEH, HEH!
WHOA, THAT GUY'S LAUGHING.
WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?
WHISPER
WHISPER
SHOULD WE REPORT HIM?
Freaky
Scary..


GLANCE
MUTSUMI... DRESSED UP IN A RABBIT COSTUME ...
RABBIT ...
Asuma Mutsumi
◆Third-year, club senpai
◆Thoughts: Definitely not a fan of this guy
◆One of the mascots in a rabbit costume
Hayato Shinomiya


つll-MESSY
Handsomi
One mi
Two mi
Three mi
Buchimi
Sashimi
Madami
Catch-mi
Usami
Lovemi
Goromi
Hachimi

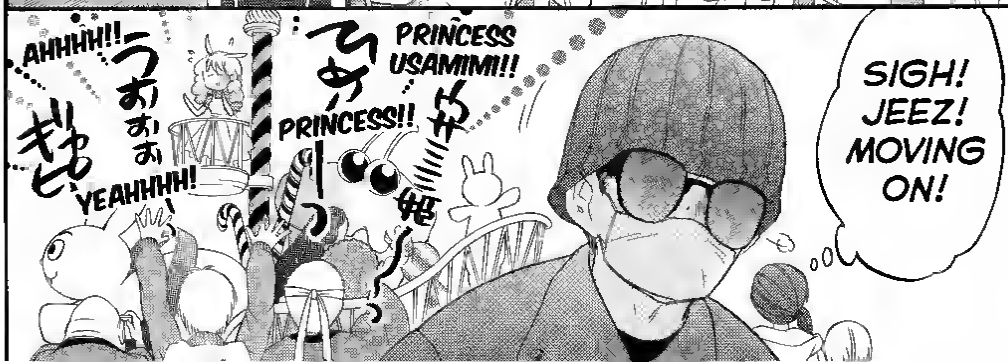
JOLT
3'31" TREMBLE TREMBLE 3'31"
FWIP
STUPID TAKURO, SELLING ME THIS SHODDY LIST!

SHOCK
WHICH ONE?!
JOLT
JOLT

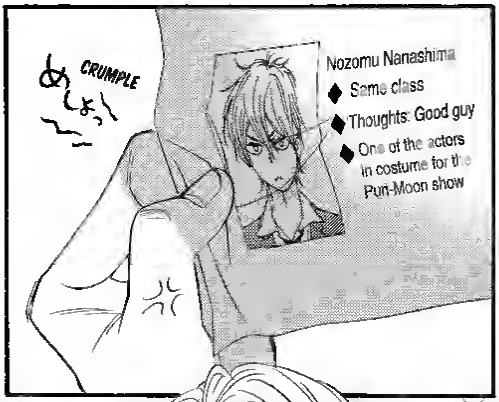
TH... THANKS ...
ANYWAY, LET'S MOVE ON...
SHUFFLE
SMILE
Domemi
ISN'T THAT ...?
BOOM-CHA
BOOM-CHA

BOOM-CHA BOOM-CHA
A PARADE, HUH?
COME TO THINK OF IT, ONE OF THE BOYS...
OH, HIM! SHINO-MIYA...
CHA-CHA
LET'S SEE...
Hayato Shinomiya
First-year, kohai
Thoughts: Not much
Somewhere in the parade
RUSTLE

SO WHERE IS HE?!


AHHHH!!
YEAHHHH!
PRINCESS!!
PRINCESS USAMIMI!!
SIGH! JEEZ! MOVING ON!

PURI-
PURI-
MOON
!!


CRUMPLE
Nozomu Nanashima
Same class
Thoughts: Good guy
One of the actors in costume for the Puri-Moon show

STARE
WOO!
WOO!

WELCOME BACK, SIR!

LOOK, PURI-PURI-MOON!
I HAVE NO CLUE!! NEXT!!
GO AWAY, DARK PRINCE!

HE LOOKS LIKE HE WORKS HARD TOO.
KYA!
HE SEEMS QUITE REFINED ...
KYA!
KYA!
STARE
SO THAT'S NISHINA ...
Shima Nishina
First-year, kohai
Thoughts: Part of the Nishina Group family
Same interests at Kae
Top student?
MM-HM, MM-HM... HUH?! THE NISHINA GROUP ...?!
HE'S SO PERFECT I ACTU-ALLY DON'T LIKE HIM!
HUH ...?
Girl
HE'S A GIRL?!
I LOVE YOUUU!!
SQUEAL
HOLD ME IN YOUR ARMS, SHIMA-SAMA!
SQUEAL
WAAAHH!!
YOU'RE CHEATING ON ME?! MAYUMI!!
I HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH FEMALE FRIENDS!!
HA HA HA
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT SOONER ?!
TMP
TMP

OHHH!
THE MONKEYS OVER THERE ARE PARTYING! ☆
STARE
AREN'T THEY CUTE?!
BOOM
HE'S SO SMOOTH IT'S SUSPICIOUS!!
RUSTLE
MM...
Yusuke Igarashi
◆Same class
◆Thoughts: Creep
◆Exciting cruise
HE'S QUITE SMOOTH...
IN FACT...
Shima Nishina

OH, OH, SUCH CUTE REAC-TIONS!
ROBOTS, HUH...
SMILE
SMILE
HEH HEH HEH
WAHHH!
AHHH!
EEEK!
IT'S A GROUP OF CROCO-DILES!
SPLASH
OHHH?!
GLARE
JOLT
UH...
WHAT?! A CROCODILE'S CLIMBED UP FROM BEHIND?!!
Replica
STAB IT WITH THIS HARPOON AND CHASE IT AWAY!!
YOU, SIR, OVER THERE!

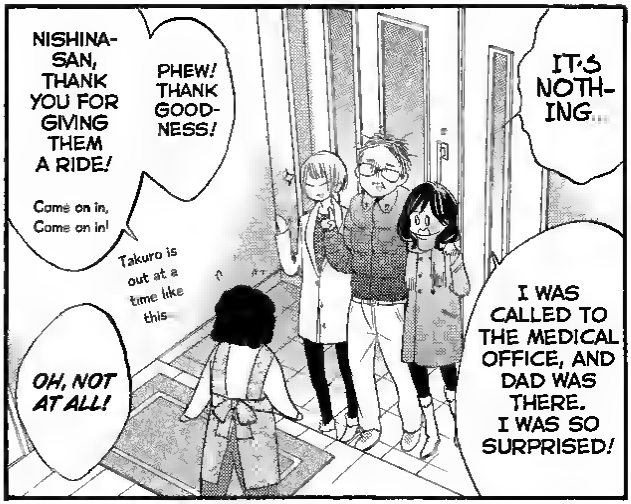
CHOMP
H...
HEEEEEK!!
What kind of ride is this?!
HURRY, OR ELSE_
IT'LL BITE YOU!!
GAH
GAH
FANG
FANG
HUH?!
HUH?!
AHHH!!
THWACK!
THWACK!
C'mon, mister!
KYAHHH!
OHHH! WHAT AN INCREDIBLE ATTACK!!
HANG IN THERE, SIR!!
WAHHHH!
FLASH
SMASH
SIR, YOU DID IT!!
SLAP
LET GO!!
SHAKE
SHAKE
CHOMP
CHOMP
W...
WHY, YOU ...

CHATTER
CHATTER
CRUISE
WORN OUT
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN ON THIS CRUISE!!
G... GIVE IT BACK, YOU!!
BOOM
I DROPPED MY PRECIOUS RING!!
UH, OH NO! THAT CAN'T BE!
I'LL CALL THE OFFICE...
I BEG YOUR PARDON?!
MY RING!!
GASP
MY WEDDING RING'S GONE!!
N...
GASP
HUH?
HUH?
AREN'T YOU SERINUMA-SAN'S ...?!
WAIT ...
NEVER MIND!!
ZOOM
AH!

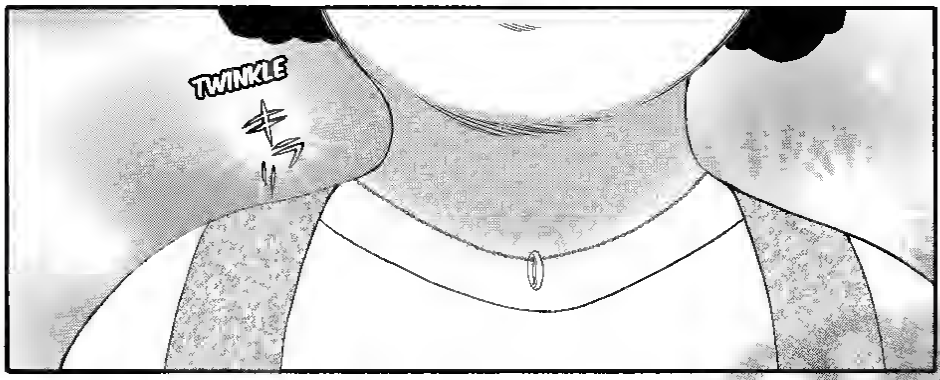
I SHOULD HEAD TO THE OFFICE FOR NOW...
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
OHH... WHAT DO I DO?
WAHHH!!
HM?
...
SNIFF
SNIFF
THIS GIRL... REMINDS ME OF KAE WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG...
I...I CAN'T FIND DADDY.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, LITTLE GIRL?
IT'S ALL RIGHT!
HUH?!
REALLY?!
I'LL HELP YOU LOOK FOR HIM!
NOW...
LET'S GO LOOK FOR YOUR DADDY!
UH-HUH!
SQUEEZE

THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH MY DAUGHTER, YOU CHILD SNATCHER!!
AAAAARGHHH!
MARIE!!
ドォォォ

I'M SOOO SORRY!
I-I-I'M S-S-S-SO SORRY!!
W...
MISTERRR!!
WAHHH!
He's dead!!
WHAT JUST HAP-PEN-ED?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SIR?! SIR?!
WHA...
WHAT JUST HAPPENED...?!
TODAY...
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
ARE YOU IN PAIN?
I'M... FINE...
Nah...
WE'RE HOOOME.


NISHINA-SAN, THANK YOU FOR GIVING THEM A RIDE!
PHEW! THANK GOOD-NESS!
Come on in, Come on in!
Takuro is out at a time like this
OH, NOT AT ALL!
IT'S NOTH-ING...
I WAS CALLED TO THE MEDICAL OFFICE, AND DAD WAS THERE. I WAS SO SURPRISED!

FLUSTERED
FLUSTERED
OH, DEAR! SORRY FOR THE TROUB-LE!
ARE YOU OKAY, DEAR ?!


TWINKLE

OH, SINCE YOU'D MEN-TIONED IT...
THIS WAY, I CAN ALWAYS HAVE IT ON ME. ♥
MITSUKO... THE RING...!

GASP

YES? WHO IS IT?
ピンポーン
DING DONG!
I LOST MY RING...
WHAT DO I DO...?
ガチャ
KA-CHAK
MR. SERI-NUMA!!

WE FOUND IT!
YOUR RING !!
WHEN WE ALL SEARCHED THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER, WE FOUND IT RIGHT AWAY.
THANK GOOD-NESS.
WHAT...?!
TH...
THANK YOU...!
SUCH NICE YOUNG MEN...!

YOU HAVE FOUND YOURSELF SOME GOOD BOYS... KAE...!
KAE.
WOW! THE STARS ARE SO PRETTY TONIGHT!!
RATTLE RATTLE
カラ
カラ
DAD! YOU'RE GONNA CATCH A COLD!
Put this on!
YOU'RE AT THE AGE WHERE YOU SHOULD BE FALLING IN LOVE...
KAE... YOU'VE BECOME SO PRETTY...
I GUESS I WAS JUST FEELING LONELY...
THAT'S RIGHT...

BE HAPPY... KAE...!
KAE ...
HM?
IS THERE SOMEONE YOU LIKE RIGHT NOW?
HUH?
BLUSH
...
U...
UH-HUH...
Th
THERE IS SOME-ONE...
SPE-CIAL.
BOOM
AKANE-CHAN!!
SMASH
AKANE
KACHUALOVE
?!
?!!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! I'M BEING 10 000% SERIOUS!!
OH, OKAY!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT... I MEAN A SERIOU—
Y...YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SHY ABOUT IT...
FLASH
BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH
WAWRRR
LOVE STRUCK ME THE MOMENT I LAID MY EYES ON AKANE-CHAN! THE BOLDNESS HE EXHIBITS WHEN HE FIGHTS AND RISKS HIS LIFE FOR THE PERSON HE'S MEANT TO PROTECT!! AND NOT JUST THAT, HE ONLY SHOWS HIS DEVOTION TO HIS MASTER, AND HE'S TOUGH ON EVERYONE ELSE! THAT'S THE PART THAT I FIND THE MOST CUUUUUTE!!
WAWRRR
BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH
AKANE-CHAN IS THE MAIN CHARACTER IN AN ANIME CALLED "KATCHU LOVE", AND HE'S AN ARMOR! HE'S THE ESSENTIAL PARTNER OF THE MASTER, WHO'S THE HERO OF THE STORY!! "KATCHU LOVE" IS THE HOTTEST ANIME RIGHT NOW. IT HAS THE HEART-THROB MOMENTS, THE INTENSE PERIOD DRAMA VIBES, AND THE HARD S.F. ELEMENTS! YOU CAN SAY IT'S AN ANIME SUITABLE FOR ADULT TASTES!
YOU'LL BE HOOKED WHEN YOU WATCH IT FOR SURE!!
OH! LET'S WATCH "KATCHU LOVE" TOGETHER RIGHT NOW!!

CHEEP CHEEP CHEEP
チチチ…
CHIRP CHIRP
キュイ キュイ
FLAKE
FLAKE
YA SEE THAT?! YA SEE THAT?!
HERE IT IS!
MY DEAR DAUGHTER...
EEEK!
キャー!!!
EEEEK!
ばこん
WHAP
ばこん
WHAP
OH NO...
ISN'T THIS JUST AMAZING?!
キャピーン!!!
WHEEEEEEE
THIS TRANSFORMATION SCENE IS THE BEST!
SO NOBLE !!

So...
With those words, Kae's father disappeared into the sea again.
TO BE CONTINUED IN the JANUARY ISSUE
GIVE IT EVERYTHING YOU GOT!!
YOU GUYS !!
I'M BEGGING YOU ALL! TRY HARDER!

Kiss Him, not Me

BY JUNKO

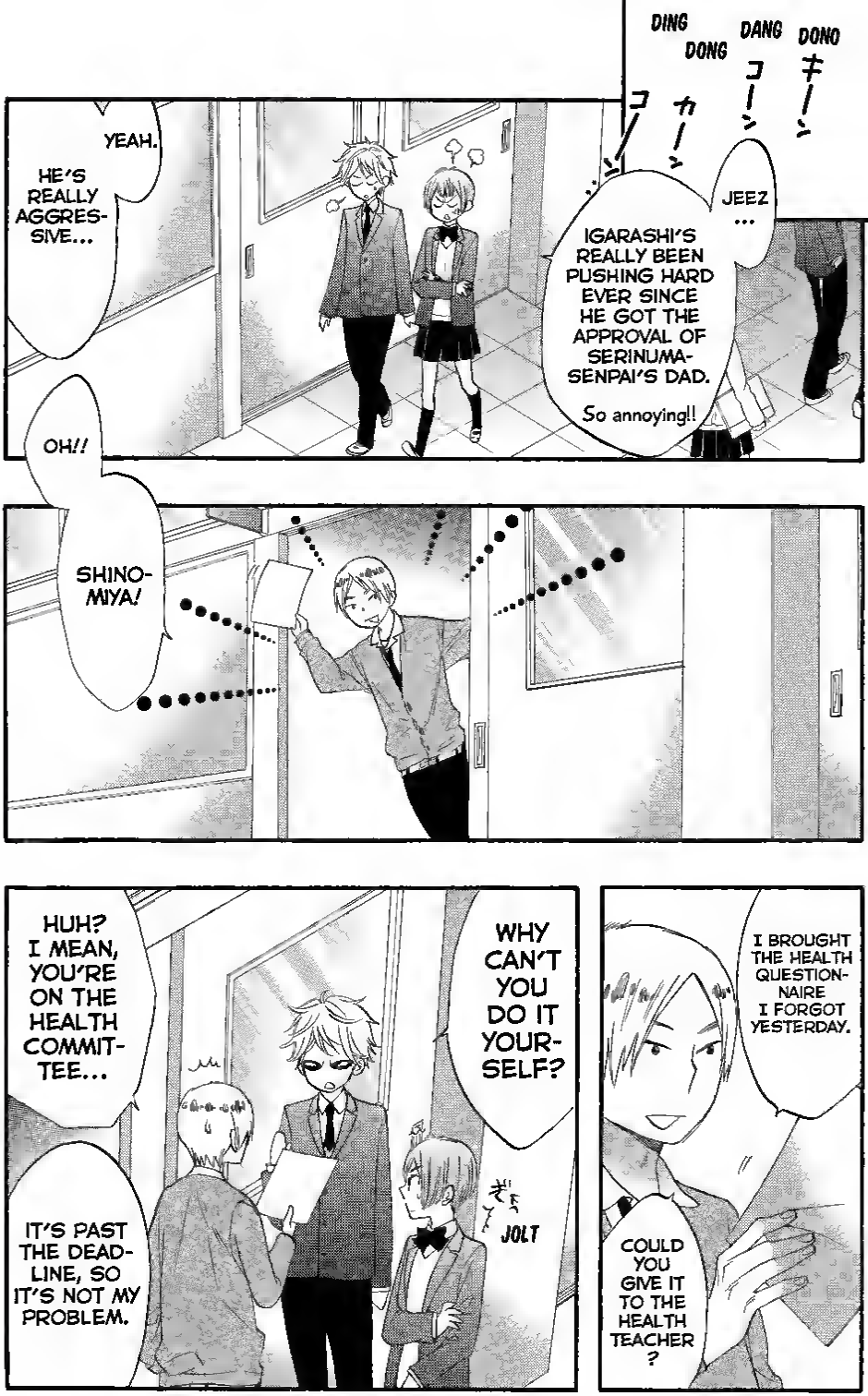
*THIS STORY IS FICTIONAL, AND COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO REAL PEOPLE, "GROUPS" OR EVENTS.

Kiss Him, not Me

SEE YA LATER, THOR!
KER-CHAK
OH, WHAT ABOUT BREAK-FAST?
THOR
IT'S OKAY! I'M GONNA BE LATE!
OOF!
HAVE A GOOD DAY, DEAR!
SLAM
HAYATO SEEMS HAPPY THESE DAYS...
I GUESS HE'S...
HAVING FUN AT SCHOOL ...
IT'S GONNA BE SO HARD TO TELL HIM...

OPEN WIDE!
HERE, SERINUMA-SAN! TRY SOME!
THIS TASTES GOOD!
OH.
Cafeteria
SENPAI, FORGET THAT! THESE THICK-CUT FRIES TASTE BETTER!
OPEN UP! AAAH!
HUH?
JOLT
AAAH!
CHOMP CHOMP
YEAH, IT WAS TOUGH ON HER WHEN SHE WAS ON A DIET.
SENPAI'S GONNA GAIN WEIGHT AGAIN!!
Stop feed ng her!
C'MON, GUYS!!
No way!
THE SEASONING ON THESE FRIES IS JUST EXQUISITE, Y'KNOW!!
Meat all the way!
NO! THIS KARAAGE TASTES BETTER!
H...HEY, GUYS...

NANA!
NYAM! NYAM! NYAM!
SLAM
HEY!! NOW I CAN'T USE THIS FORK!! GROSS!!
FINE! I'LL EAT 'EM!
AH!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN IT'S GROSS? HOW RUDE!
WELL, IT IS!!
ALTHOUGH I'M SURE YOU WOULON'T KNOW SINCE YOU ALWAYS GET KISSY-KISSY WITH IGARASHI!
NO. WE DON'T!!
しれっ
SHRUG
YOU'VE KISSED AT LEAST TWICE...
Ha! Ha!
GASP!
THAT'S RIGHT!
IT SURE IS!
Heh, heh!
Of course!
YOU LITTLE PUNK!
EEEEK!


DING DONG
DANG
DONO
コーン
カーン
コーン
キーン
JEEZ...
IGARASHI'S REALLY BEEN PUSHING HARD EVER SINCE HE GOT THE APPROVAL OF SERINUMA-SENPAI'S DAD.
So annoying!!
YEAH.
HE'S REALLY AGGRES-SIVE...
OH!!
SHINO-MIYA!
I BROUGHT THE HEALTH QUESTION-NAIRE I FORGOT YESTERDAY.
COULD YOU GIVE IT TO THE HEALTH TEACHER?
WHY CAN'T YOU DO IT YOUR-SELF?
ぎくっ
JOLT
HUH? I MEAN, YOU'RE ON THE HEALTH COMMIT-TEE...
IT'S PAST THE DEAD-LINE, SO IT'S NOT MY PROBLEM.

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS, DO YOU?
Sure seems like you don't. Ha! Ha! Ha!
NO ONE ASKED YOU.
THAT WAS HARSH.
WHAT THE HECK..?
TCH
I DON'T NEED FRIENDS.
So based on this...
Oops! Did I cross the line...?

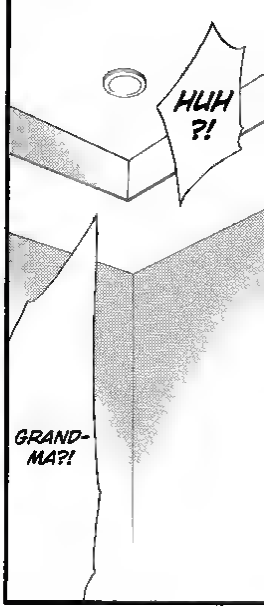
WEAK-LING!
I DON'T NEED FRIENDS
WHAT A GIRL!
GIIIRL! GIIIRL!
LET'S GO, LET'S GO!
LAME!
WHEN WE INVITE HIM TO PLAY, HE GETS TIRED RIGHT AWAY!
POOR THING! AND HE WAS SO LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SCHOOL TRIP...
ANOTHER FEVER...
DO YOU LIKE BOOKS, SHINO-MIYA-KUN?
KOFF! KOFF!
ME TOO!

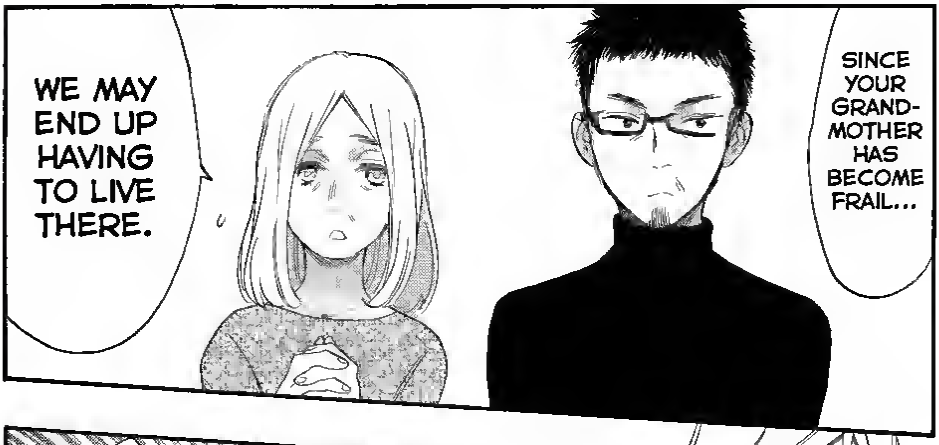
YEAHHH!
YEAHHH!
AHH...
HE'S SUCH A SHOW-OFF!
TCH!
MAN...
HE'S SO CUTE! ♡
GO TALK TO HIM!
AH, NO, NO, NO! I MEAN, NO WAY!
WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS?
FIRST-YEARS DON'T DYE THEIR HAIR!
SHOCK
HUH? NO...
WHAT A PAIN.
I DON'T WANNA GO TO SCHOOL.
WHO NEEDS FRIENDS?!!
GASP
MM...
SHINO-MIYA-KUN!

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
You're so spaced out.
WHISPER
THE MEETING'S STILL GOING ON!
UM, NEXT IS THE UPCOMING MONTHLY POSTER ON ZERO CAVITIES.
UH, RIGHT!
SORRY, IT'S NOTHING.
AND ...
BUT NOW...
I CAN SEE SERI-NUMA-SENPAI WHEN I COME TO SCHOOL.

EVERY DAY...
IS FUN ...
FOR ME NOW...
I'M HOME.
SLAM
WELCOME HOME, HAYATO.
COME SIT. WE HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT.
KER-CHAK!
UH, SURE.

Is she gonna be okay?!
O...OH...
I understand
THAT'S RIGHT. SHE'S IN THE HOSPITAL...
SO YOUR MOTHER HAS TO GO BACK TO THE COUNTRYSIDE.
AND...


HUH?!
GRANDMA?!


WE MAY END UP HAVING TO LIVE THERE.
SINCE YOUR GRANDMOTHER HAS BECOME FRAIL...

H-H-H-HOLD ON! I DON'T WANNA LEAVE HERE!
HUH?!
WHAT?!
KA-THUD
WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE!
WHICH MEANS YOU TOO...
HUH?!

B-BUT ...
WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU HERE, CAN WE?
DON'T BE SO SELFISH WHEN YOU'RE UNDER OUR ROOF!
ANYWAY, BE READY TO MOVE! IS THAT CLEAR?
N...
CLATTER
NO!!
Ah!
HAYATO!!
HONEY ...
LEAVE HIM BE.
STOMP
STOMP
HAYATO!!
STOMP

HAYATO?
I'M COMING IN, OKAY?
HAYA-TO.
YOU MUST BE HUNGRY. I BROUGHT YOU DINNER.
KNOCK KNOCK
HAYATO?!
!!
HONEY! HAYATO'S ...!
THOR'S GONE TOO!
!
KER-CHAK
NO...
THMP

DING DONG
COMING!
KER-CHAK
Uh...
HUH ?!
SHINO-MIYA-KUN?!
S..SORRY FOR COMING UNANNOUNCED..
At this hour...
FREEZING
FREEZING
THIS WAS THE ONLY PLACE I COULD GO...
WH-WHAT HAP-PENED ?!
OH MY GOD, YOU'RE SHAK-ING!!
COME IN!!

WHAT'S WRONG?
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN ...?
HERE.
WARM UP WITH SOME HOT CHOCO-LATE.
CLINK
30 minutes later...
10 minutes later...
1 minute later...
H...HE ISN'T SAYING ANYTHING ...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
I...
HM?!
GASP

I...
DON'T WANNA LEAVE YOU...!
GRAB
HUG
I WANNA BE WITH YOU...!!
Uh...
SH...
SHINO-MIYA-KUN...?!

BOOM
GOTCHA!!
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE MY FRIEND-SHIP WITH TAKURO-SAN!
TA-KURO-SAN TOLD ME!
It's not a friendship
Bribe
HUH?! WHA?! WHY ARE YOU GUYS HERE?!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
SHUT UP!
HUH ?!
I MAY END UP MOVING !!
I... I...
N-NO! YOU HAVE IT ALL WRONG!
WAHHH!
WE CAUGHT YOU! YOU GOT GUTS THOUGH, SHINO! HONESTLY, I HAD STOPPED TAKING YOU SERIOUSLY!

は？
HUH?

Later

Huh?!
NORWAY?!
YOUR MOM'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY IS NORWEGIAN?!
SERIOUSLY?!

MY GRANDMOTHER HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED, SO MY PARENTS SAY THEY HAVE TO GO BACK...
AND I HAVE TO GO WITH THEM...
I...I SEE. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO FAIR-SKINNED
SO IT'S 'CAUSE OF YOUR COMPLEXION THAT YOUR NIPPLES ARE PINK TOO
ARE YOU LISTENING?!
AND STOP WITH THE SEXUAL COMMENTS!

SO YOU RAN AWAY FROM HOME 'CAUSE YOU DIDN'T WANT THAT?
ER...
EVEN IF YOU STAY, CAN YOU REALLY SURVIVE ON YOUR OWN?
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, YOUR PARENTS WILL BE OVERSEAS, Y'KNOW? THEY CAN'T COME BACK RIGHT AWAY.
THAT'S RIGHT.
CAN YOU DO THE HOUSEWORK?
COOK?
DO THE LAUNDRY?
CLEAN?
AND EVERYTHING ELSE?
NNNNGH!
I...
GRIP
YOU'LL "LEARN HOW TO" ...
You say that now, but...
I...I CAN! I'LL LEARN HOW TO!!
YOU CAN'T...
FLUSTERED

I WANT TO BE ...
WITH SERINUMA-SENPAI AND EVERYONE ELSE.
I MEAN, IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE ENJOYED EVERY DAY LIKE THIS...!!
Uh...
Huh...
Oh...
IF THAT'S THE CASE, YOU HAVE TO TALK IT OUT WITH YOUR PARENTS...
RIGHT?
SHINO-MIYA-KUN...
SLINK
もぞ
もぞっ
BE-SIDES ...

STARE
THOR PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE COLD OVER THERE...

AHHHHH!!
WH- WHAT IS THAT?! WHAT IS THAT?!
Down you go!
OH, YOU CAME OUT, THOR!
SORRY! IT MUST'VE BEEN CRAMP-ED IN THERE!
EEEEK!!
OH! LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO MY PET!
THIS IS MY GREEN IGUANA, THOR!
SHE'S SIX YEARS OLD! ♡
ぴっ TWITCH
TWITCH ぴっ
AN IGUANA ?!
GYA!
IT'S HUGE!
GYA!
HEY, KAE...
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ONE!
TREMBLE TREMBLE
...
You have an unexpectedly wild pet, huh?!

AH...
AH!
AH!
AH!
AAAAHHHHH!!
?!

LEAVE!
JUST LEAVE !!
Uh
EEK!!
I'M SCARED!! I'M SCARED!!
DASH
EYAAAHHHH!!
TMP TMP TMP TMP
AAA...
HUH ...?!
?!

UH... WHAT?
IS SHE GONNA BE ALL RIGHT?
IT'S NORMAL TO BE SURPRISED, BUT THAT WAS A LITTLE UNUSUAL.
CHATTER...
YEAH.
SHE REALLY CAN'T STAND THEM, HUH...
ALLOW ME, HER BROTHER TAKURO, TO EXPLAIN!
TAKURO!
YOU'RE STILL HERE?
YES, I AM!
WARM
WARM
ドン
BOOM
IN THE PAST ...
KAE, WHO LIKED A CERTAIN FROG ANIME, WAS FOND OF A FROG WHO LIVED IN THE PLANTER POND IN OUR YARD AND NAMED HIM SERGEANT...
HEH! HEH! HEH! YOU'RE SO CUTE, SERGEANT! ♡
RUSTLE
HOWEVER, ONE DAY...

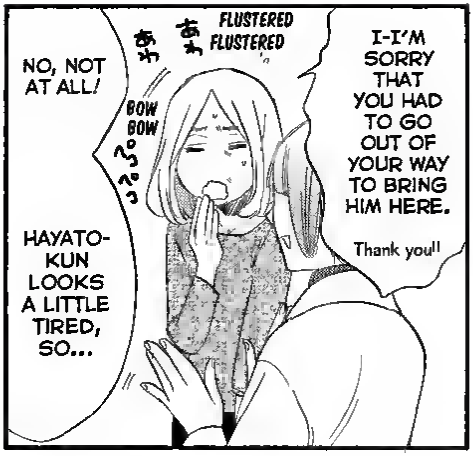
RUSTLE
CHOMP
Quince Monitor

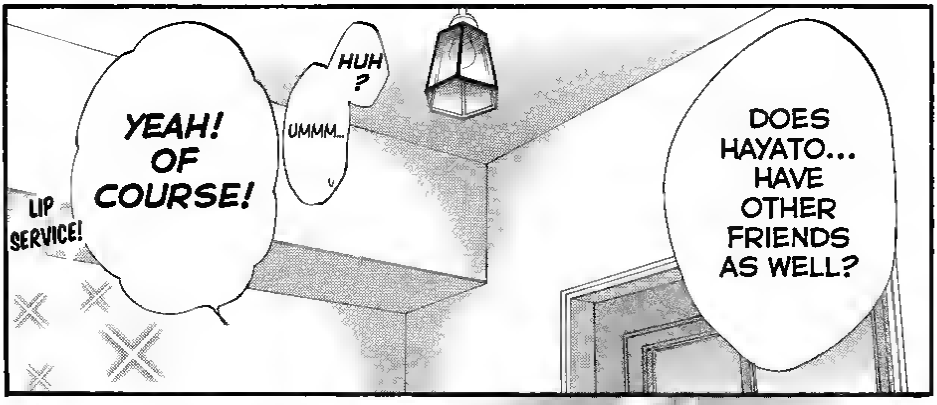
EYAAAHHHHH!!! SERGEANT!!

SINCE THEN, SHE CAN'T STAND ANY REPTILES.
Yum.
Incidentally, that monitor lizard was a neighborhood pet that had escaped.
OHHH...
Ugh.
NO WAY...

SHUT
YEAH, THAT'D BE BEST.
ANYWAY, LET'S GET YOU AND THOR HOME.
I'LL TAKE YOU IN MY CAR.
SCREAK
STOMP
HAYATO!!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
SHUT
HAYATO?!
Uhh
GOOD EVENING.

UH, YES! WE GET ALONG!
LIP SERVICE!
"FRIEND"...?
ARE YOU... HAYATO'S FRIEND?
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP... TRULY...

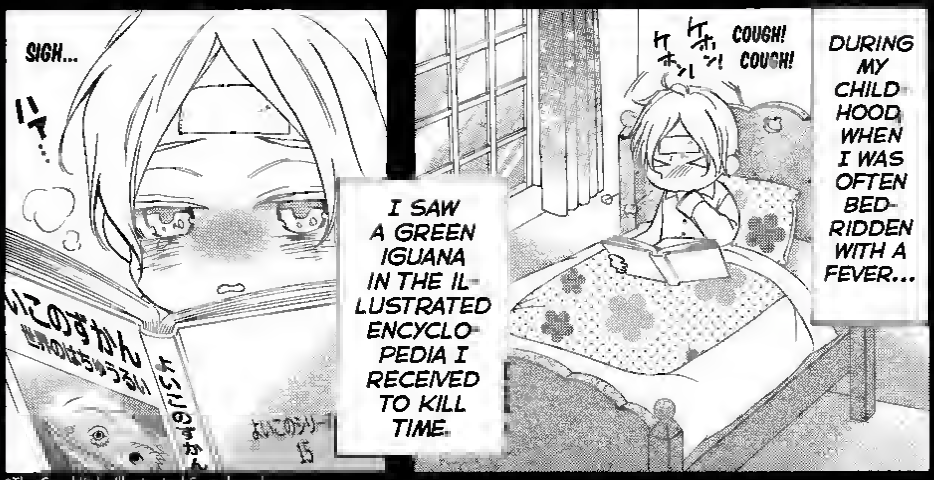

NO, NOT AT ALL!
HAYATO-KUN LOOKS A LITTLE TIRED, SO...
BOW BOW
FLUSTERED FLUSTERED
I-I'M SORRY THAT YOU HAD TO GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO BRING HIM HERE.
Thank you!!


YEAH! OF COURSE!
LIP SERVICE!
HUH?
UMMM...
DOES HAYATO... HAVE OTHER FRIENDS AS WELL?

THE ONLY ONE WHO ACCEPTED HIM WAS HIS PET... THOR.
HE ALWAYS LOOKED A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM EVERYONE ELSE, BUT HAD A HARD TIME EXPRESSING HIMSELF, SO HE HAD TROUBLE MAKING FRIENDS...
WHEN HAYATO WAS LITTLE, HE WAS VERY WEAK...
OH...
SO THAT'S WHY HE DOESN'T WANT TO MOVE.

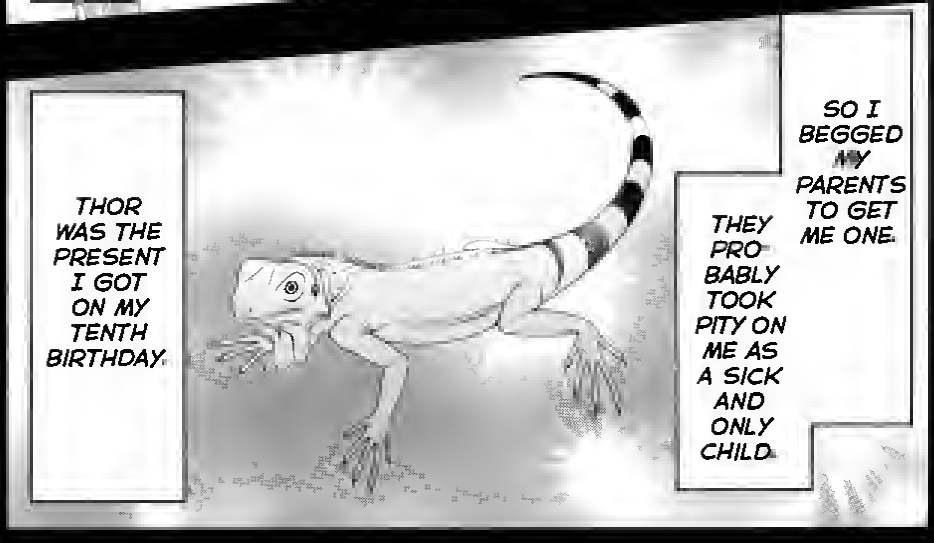
I'M GLAD ...
THANK YOU.
BUT I SEE THAT... HE'S MADE A LOT OF FRIENDS LIKE YOU.
TAKEN THAT REJEC-TION PRETTY HARSHLY ...
SO HE MIGHT HAVE...
HUH ...
...
STARE
...

CRAWL
?
HEH, HEH!
ARE YOU TRYING TO CHEER ME UP, THOR?
Aww.
THANKS, GIRL.
I FIRST MET THOR SIX YEARS AGO...


SIGH...
I SAW A GREEN IGUANA IN THE ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA I RECEIVED TO KILL TIME.
COUGH! COUGH!
DURING MY CHILDHOOD WHEN I WAS OFTEN BEDRIDDEN WITH A FEVER...

*The Good Kid's Illustrated Encyclopedia Reptiles Around the World

The Green Iguana
■グリーンイグアナ
AND I FELL IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT...
HE WAS THE OPPOSITE OF WEAK LITTLE ME...
HE LOOKED LIKE A DINOSAUR, STRONG AND COOL...


THOR WAS THE PRESENT I GOT ON MY TENTH BIRTHDAY.
THEY PROBABLY TOOK PITY ON ME AS A SICK AND ONLY CHILD.
SO I BEGGED MY PARENTS TO GET ME ONE.

FROM THEN ON...
GROW AND BE STRONG !!
THOR !!
YOUR NAME'S GONNA BE THOR!!
THOR!!
THOR WAS ALWAYS ...
BY MY SIDE ...
THROUGH THE GOOD TIMES...
THE BAD TIMES...
THE HAPPY TIMES AND THE SAD TIMES...
AND MY FAMILY.
MY FRIEND ...
THOR HAS AL-WAYS BEEN ...
FROM THEN 'TIL NOW...

CLENCH
IF SERINUMA-SENPAI CAN'T ACCEPT THOR...
THEN I CAN'T BE WITH HER...

CHATTER
CHATTER
Gasp!
SENPAI.
I'M SORRY ABOUT LAST NIGHT.
OH, NOT AT ALL!
I'M SORRY THAT I FREAKED OUT!!
SINCE THEN ..
I DID SOME THINKING, AND I'VE MADE UP MY MIND.
I'VE DECIDED TO GO WITH MY PARENTS.
HUH ...?

I'M SAYING...
I'M MOVING ON, SENPAI.
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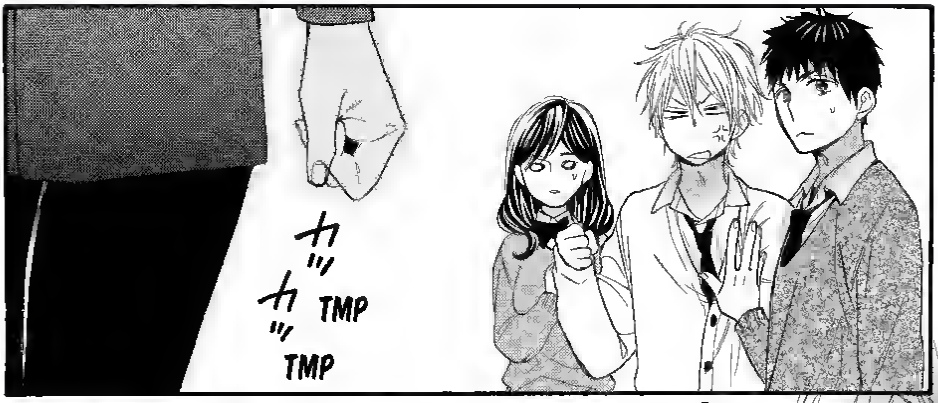
Kiss Him, not Me
BY JUNKO
When Kae rejects Shinomiya's dear friend, Thor...
he tells her that he's gonna move on and move away?!!
#32 HAYATO SHINOMIYA'S DECISION

*THIS STORY IS FICTIONAL, AND COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO REAL PEOPLE, "GROUPS" OR EVENTS

HUH?
I THINK THIS IS GOOD-BYE FOR EVERY-ONE ELSE TOO, SO...
TAKE CARE.
FWIP

YOU'RE OKAY WITH ENDING THINGS SO EASILY?
WHAT GIVES?
HEY!
WELL, THEN...
OKAY OR NOT...
WE WEREN'T EVEN FRIENDS TO BEGIN WITH...
RIGHT?
AH.
ANNOYED
YANK!!
AND BE-SIDES!!
WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?!

I CAN'T BE WITH SOMEONE WHO REJECTS THOR!!
MURMUR
CUT IT OUT, NANA!
SCARY
WHAT?
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
FWISH
SHWIP
FARE-WELL.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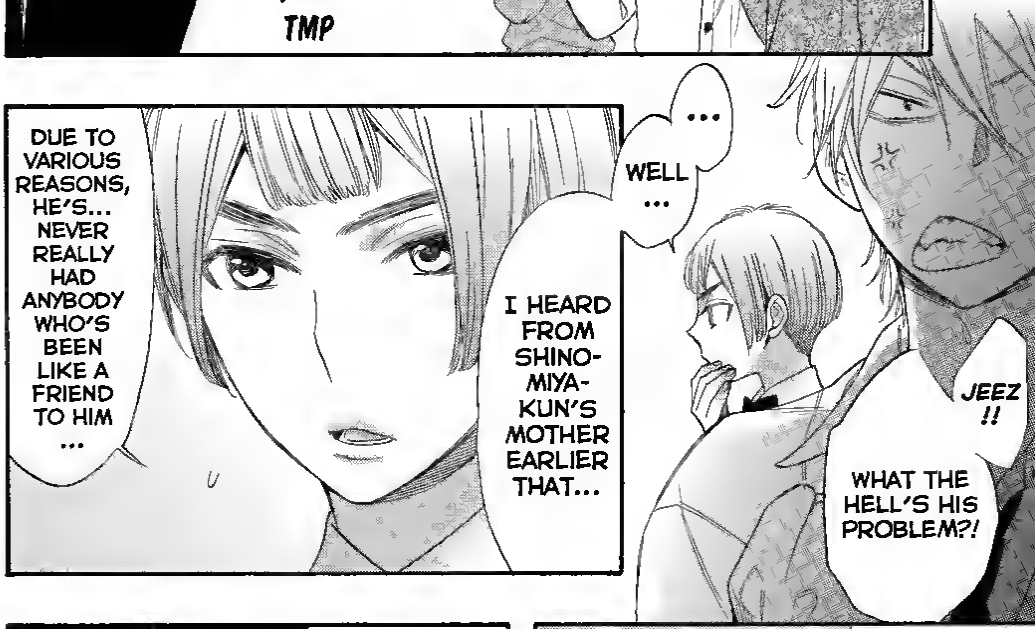

DUE TO VARIOUS REASONS, HE'S... NEVER REALLY HAD ANYBODY WHO'S BEEN LIKE A FRIEND TO HIM ...
I HEARD FROM SHINO-MIYA-KUN'S MOTHER EARLIER THAT...
WELL ...
...
JEEZ !!
WHAT THE HELL'S HIS PROBLEM?!

HUHHHH?
SO...WELL... IT SEEMS THAT IGUANA'S THE ONLY ONE WHO'S BEEN THERE FOR HIM...

HUH?
WE...ARE APPARENTLY THE FIRST PEOPLE HE'S BEEN ABLE TO CALL FRIENDS...

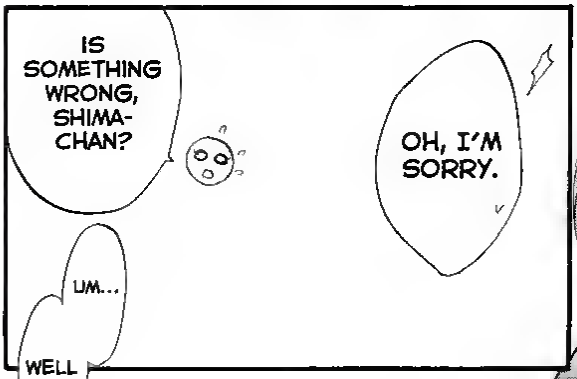
SO I THINK HE VALUES THAT IGUANA A LOT.
NOD NOD
I...I KINDA FEEL SAD NOW...
No way
TURN
SO WHAT?
SERI-NUMA-SAN, YOU DON'T LOOK WELL. WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT ...
HAVE I DONE ...?
I ALWAYS THOUGHT OF MYSELF AS SOMEONE WHO UNDER-STANDS THE PAIN OF HAVING SOMETHING YOU LOVE REJECTED!!
A SHAME REVISITED
WHAT IS THIS SHITAJIKI? NASTY! WHAT A SICK BOOK! OON'T READ THIS CRAP! SICK! SICK!
SHUT UP!!

...
IF IT BOTHERS YOU, IT BOTHERS YOU.
YEAH, WE WERE ALL SURPRISED.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! IT'S NORMAL TO BE FREAKED OUT BY A HUGE LIZARD LIKE THAT!!
A
...
SINCE THAT DAY...
ひょい
PEEK
CHATTER
CHATTER

SHINO-MIYA-KUN STARTED TO MISS CLASSES ...
AND STOPPED SHOWING UP AT THE CAFETERIA TOO.
WHEN OUR PATHS DID CROSS ...
FWIP
HE OION'T EVEN MAKE EYE CONTACT.
SEN-SEI ...
I'VE GATH-ERED ALL THE HAND-OUTS.
職員室
Staff Room
AH, THANK YOU, NISHINA-SAN.
I SEE... NEXT WEEK, HUH?
IT'S SUDDEN, BUT I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
YES.

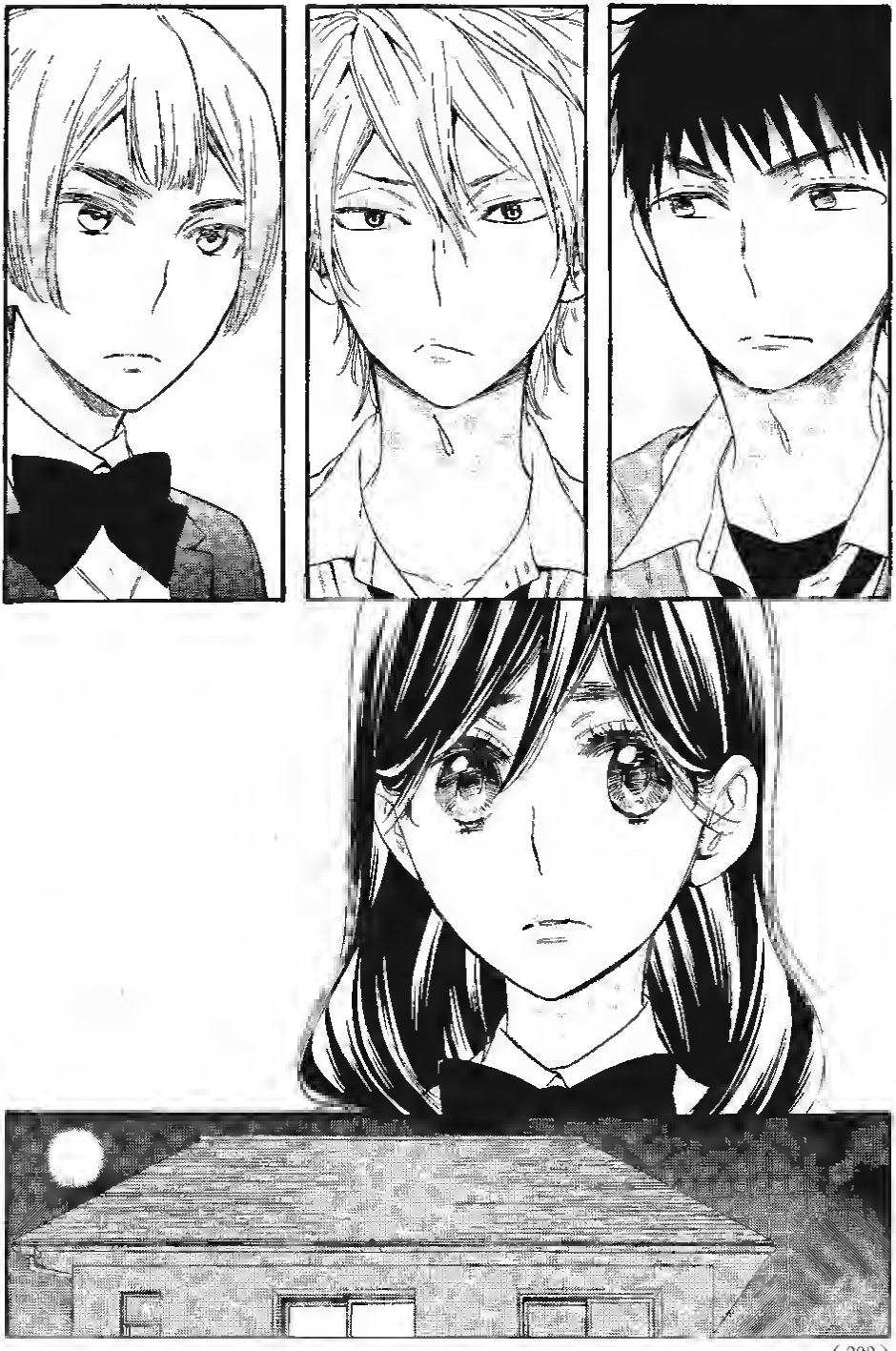
THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING.
BOW
ペコリ

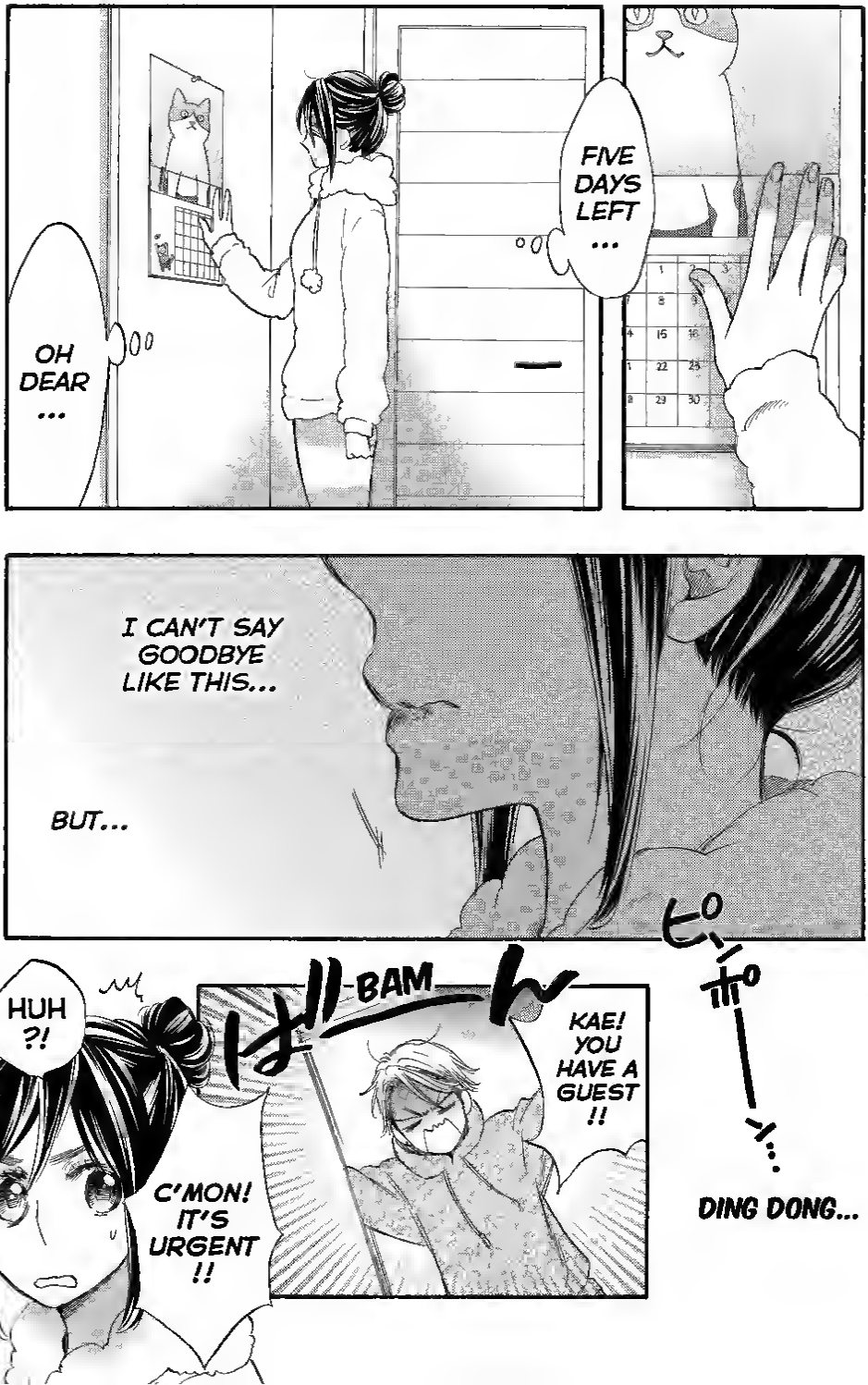
IT WAS FUNNY, WASN'T IT?! IT WAS SO DUMB!!
OH, YEAH! I SAW THAT ONE!
AND THAT MOVIE ...
Soba / Udon
そば・うどん
CHATTER
CHATTER


IS SOMETHING WRONG, SHIMA-CHAN?
OH, I'M SORRY.
UM...
WELL ...

...
YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT MOVIE, NISHINA?!
BLANK
HEY!
Ignoring me, huh?

I OVERHEARD IN THE STAFFROOM EARLIER...
THAT SHINOMIYA-KUN WILL BE LEAVING NEXT WEEK.
!
OH... I SEE.
WHO CARES?!
IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE WHETHER HE'S HERE OR NOT!!
Soba / Udon
そば・うどん
TAK
I WONDER...
YOU REALLY THINK SO?
FOR ME...
IT'LL BE LONELY WITHOUT SHINOMIYA-KUN.




OH DEAR ...
FIVE DAYS LEFT ...
I CAN'T SAY GOODBYE LIKE THIS...
BUT...
ピーポー
DING DONG...
BAM
KAE! YOU HAVE A GUEST !!
HUH ?!
C'MON! IT'S URGENT !!

SEN-PAI?!
SORRY FOR DROPPING IN UNAN-NOUNCED.
OH!
And your brother seems scared.
OH, IT WON'T TAKE LONG...
UH, IT'S ABOUT SHINO-MIYA-KUN...
TREMBLE
WHAT IS IT?!
AH! PLEASE COME IN!!
!
SERI-NUMA-SAN...
YOU DON'T WANT THINGS TO END LIKE THIS, DO YOU?

NO...
I...
I WANNA APOLOGIZE TO SHINOMIYA-KUN...
AND I WANNA PROPERLY SAY GOODBYE...!
B...BUT I'M SCARED...
I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY THAT, SERINUMA-SAN.
SEN-PAI...
=ɔ SMILE
MM.
WHAT'S THIS ...?
HUH?
HERE.
TAKE THIS.
BOOKS INOKUNIYA

TAKE THE BOOKS IN YOUR CLOSET AND SEPARATE THE ONES YOU NEED FROM THE ONES YOU DON'T, OKAY?
OKAY.
HMM.
THIS PILE IS NEXT ...
SAURS & PRINCESS
THIS PIC-TURE BOOK !!
WHOA! THIS TAKES ME BACK!!
OH!!

?!
IT SURE IS PRETTY!
This book.
THIS IS THE SERIES WHERE THE PRINCESS TAKES THE DINDSAUR ON AN ADVENTURE...
I LIKED IT 'CAUSE THE PICTURES WERE PRETTY, THE STORY WAS INTERESTING, AND THE PRINCESS WAS COOL.
LOOK LIKE SERINUMA-SENPAI...?!
D...DOES SHE...
COULD I HAVE FALLEN FOR SENPAI BECAUSE OF THIS...?!
I...I'M SO EM-BARRAS-SED!!
カアー!
BLUSH
GASP
HUH?!
N...
NO WAY!
SHE REALLY DOES!

OH, RIGHT! SINCE SHE'S THE HEAD OF THE GROUP...
SENPAI IS DIFFER-ENT, ALL RIGHT.
FLIP
FLIP
SHE'S KIND.
Ha! Ha!
BUT THEY REALLY DO LOOK SIMILAR ...!
OH, BUT SENPAI ISN'T SO ROUGH.
FLIP
FLIP
WHOA! SHE'S REALLY BEATING UP THE DINOSAUR!! HOW AWFUL!!
SAUR
SAUR
SHE'S NOT SO STUB-BORN...
GRIP
OH, BUT SHE SURE GOT CRAZY WHEN SHE HAD THAT PAIRING WAR WITH SHIMA...
HA! HA! HA...
SHE'S BRIGHT ...
HONEST ....
AND ALWAYS GIVES HER EVERY-THING...

SENPAI...!
DING-DONG!
HAYATO!!
GASP!
YES!

TA-DAH!
HAVE A SAFE TRIP, SHINOMIYA-KUN! ♡
WH... WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?!
WELL, WE FELT BAD, SO WE THOUGHT WE'D HOLD A FAREWELL PARTY...
YEAHH! YEAHH!
HUH?!
I DON'T NEED THIS CHILDISH STUFF!
BESIDES, I'M BUSY GETTING READY TO MOVE...!!
HMPH!
YOU'RE JUST GETTING IN MY WAY!!

LOOK, YOU LITTLE BRAT!!!
GRAB
WHAT THE HECK, MAN ...?
SO PRE-DICT-ABLE!
PEH
THERE IT IS! I FIG-URED YOU'D SAY THAT!!
YOU SAY WE'RE NOT YOUR FRIENDS, BUT...
IT'S NOT LIKE WE WERE TRYING TO BE FRIENDS WITH YOU EITHER!
BUT...
BEING WITH SERINUMA, WE ALL ENDED UP DOING A BUNCH OF STUPID STUFF TOGETHER.
WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT...
YOU'RE ONE OF US!!

DON'T THINK YOU CAN CUT US OFF SO EASILY!!
IDIOT!!

DING-DONG
ピンポーン
ガチャ
KER-CHAK
OH!
Good evening!
SORRY FOR BEING LATE!
SERI-NUMA-SENPAI?!
H... HELLO...
SHINO-MIYA-KUN!
A napa cabbage?!
U... UH...
I'M SORRY ABOUT THE OTHER DAY.
HUH?
SO...
WOULD YOU LET ME MEET THOR ONE MORE TIME...?!
I RE-JECTED YOUR PREC-IOUS THOR...
It said that adult iguanas can only eat fresh fruits and vegetables
WHICH IS WHY I STUDIED UP ON IGUANAS WITH THE ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA THAT MUTSUMI GAVE ME!!
which is why I brought this napa cabbage and these bananas as a gift!!

...
OKAY ...!
ガチャ
KER-CHAK
?!
THOR ?!
ヒュオッ
WHOOSH...
THE WIN-DOW'S OPEN!!
Why?!
HE WENT OUT THROUGH HERE!!
THOR'S GONE!!

OH NO...
IF HE'S OUTSIDE ON A COLD DAY LIKE THIS...!!
THIS IS TERRIBLE!! IGUANAS CAN'T WITHSTAND THE COLD!!
You know a lot...
HUH?
THAT'S NOT GOOD!
LET'S SPLIT UP AND LOOK FOR HER!!
IF YOU FIND HER, LET EVERY-ONE ELSE KNOW!!
I don't know.

GASP
"IGUANAS LIKE CLIMBING TREES, SO THEY PREFER THE SHORE..."
THOR!!
COME OUT!!
THOR!!
THOR!!
BOOM
STARE
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
COME HERE, THOR!!
LET'S GO HOME!
TAK
Group
Found her!! She's at the park!!

ビクッ
JOLT
THOR!!
I'M NOT SCARED ...!
I'M NOT SCARED ...
IT'S OKAY ...
OKAY, COME ...!

BOOM
HUHHHHH?!
Why?!
TURN
HUH?
That's a good girl
THOR!!
SPLASH
IT'S SO COLD SHE CAN'T SWIM!!
Gasp!
GLUG GLUG GLUG GLUG
PAUSE
No...
SHE'S DROWNING...?!
HUH...?
SHE'S STOPPED!!
Heak!
HOLD ON, THOR!!
SPLISH
SPLISH

...!!
CLENCH
KER-SPLASH
SEN-PAAAI!!
SERI-NUMA !!
WHERE ARE YOU?!

HEYYY!
EVERY-ONE!!
GASP
はっ
I FOUND HER!!
PANT
PANT
TWITCH ぴく
TWITCH ぴく
THOR!!
SENPAI!!

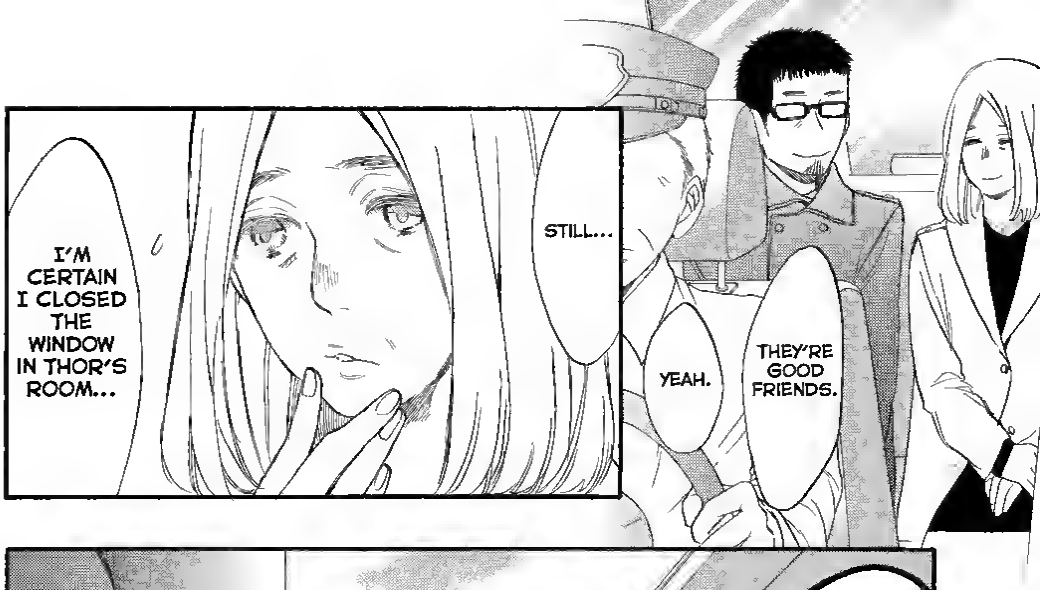
SENPAI ...
You're soaked...!!
YOU JUMPED INTO THE WATER?!
HERE !!
SHE'S FREEZING BECAUSE SHE FELL IN THE WATER, SO QUICKLY WARM HER UP!
SENPAI... SHE'S TREMB-LING...!!
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
THANK GOOD-NESS SHE'S SAFE!!
SHE'S A DEAR FRIEND, RIGHT?
Sniff...

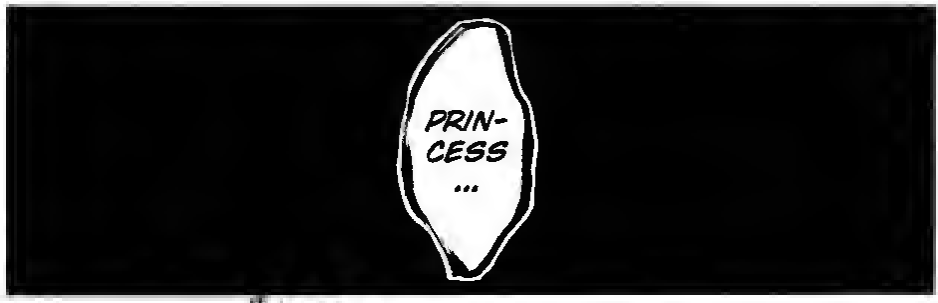
I LOVE THIS GIRL...
SURE ENOUGH ...

SURE ENOUGH...
I WANNA BE WITH EVERYONE.

SORRY, MOM AND DAD...
BUT I'M NOT GONNA GO WITH YOU GUYS.
WE FIGURED.
OKAY, HAYATO. WE'LL BE BACK.
YEAH, TAKE CARE.
DON'T FORGET TO EAT PROPER MEALS!
AND MAKE SURE THE DOORS ARE LOCKED!

PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF HAYATO...
BOW
ペコ
Uh!
MOM!
EVERY-ONE...
OH, NANA!
WE'LL WHIP INTO SHAPE REAL GOOD!!
LEAVE HIM TO US!
VROOM
ブォォ
A SAFE TRIP!
HAVE...





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Who is the mysterious figure...?!!
And don't miss out on the news in the next issue! ☆